

CENTRALIZED DIGITAL PAPER DISTRIBUTION ACROSS AN INDUSTRY

A first entity, receives from customer or form an agency on behalf of a customer an ingredient list comprising ingredients and contact information for a supplier of each ingredient. For each ingredient needing a certificate, the first entity contacts each respective supplier requesting a copy of an organic letter for the ingredient. The organic letter is received and one or more associated unique identifiers are assigned and communicated to the supplier and/or any other subscribed party such as the customer(s) and/or the agency or agencies certifying the manufactured product made with this ingredient list, as applicable. This eliminates the need for the supplier and/or the customer to have to take further action with respect to the organic letters. An organic certification agency is able to use the unique identifiers to obtain information for use in deciding whether to grant an organic certification to the product of the ingredient list. The first entity notes when organic letters are going to expire and requests new organic letters directly from the associated suppliers, eliminating the need for the customer or agency to perform that action.